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1. COORDINATION WITH LOCAL POLICE DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS HAS INCREASED 24-HOUR PROTECTION OF THE CHANCERY AND RESIDENCES OF THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM. A MARKED POLICE CAR WITH THREE UNIFORMED OFFICERS IS NOW ON AN "ON CALL" BASIS TO ACCOMPANY THE CHIEF OF MISSION ON ALL MOVEMENTS. IN ADDITION, A TDY PERSONAL PROTECTION SECURITY UNIT COMPRISED OF RSO CRAMPSEY, S/A HAWKINS AND MARINE SGT. ROMERO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE COM TO HANDLE ESCORT AND PERIODIC ADVANCE SECURITY.

2. A VOICE COMMUNICATION NET HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND PRESENTLY TAKES IN THE CHANCERY WHERE A FM 56 IS OPERATING. BALANCE OF THE NET IS MADE UP OF PR 36 RADIOS AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE, THE MARINE HOUSE AND QUARTERS OF THE MSG NCOIC. IN ADDITION MT 76 RADIO UNITS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN SIX OFFICIALS CARS.

3. AT THIS TIME ONE TDY MARINE HAS BEEN AUGMENTED FOR WATCH-  
STANDER DUTY. A REQUEST IS PENDING FOR TWO ADDITIONAL TDY  
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WATCHSTANDERS. ANOTHER TDY MARINE, SGT. ROMERO IS BEING

UTILIZED FULL TIME ON PERSONAL PROTECTION DUTIES.

4. REINFORCED GLASS (LEXON) HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE VEHICLES OF THE COM AND DCM.

5. HARRASSMENT OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL CONTINUES PRINCIPALLY IN THE FORM OF THREATENING PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS. APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION BY EMBASSY AND LOCAL OFFICIAL VARIES. HOWEVER, CONSENSUS IS THAT THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN PORTUGAL FROM SECURITY POINT OF VIEW IS MOST UNCERTAIN. THIS UNCERTAINTY HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY THE INCREASING AMOUNT OF COOPERATION THE POST HAS BEEN RECEIVING FROM LOCAL POLICE IN AFFORDING SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE EMBASSY IN GENERAL AND TO THE COM AND DCM IN PARTICULAR.

6. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL AREAS WHICH STILL NEED IMPROVEMENT. THE LOCAL SECURITY FORCES ARE NOT TRAINED, NOR DO THEY HAVE THE FUNDS, TO IMPLEMENT THE TYPE OF PERSONAL SECURITY PROGRAM WHICH WE DEEM NECESSARY TO PROTECT COM. FOREMOST ITEM OF THE PROGRAM IS PERSONAL SAFETY OF COM. WE ARE NOW STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING BODYGUARD PROTECTION FOR AMBASSADOR DURING MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY. BODYGUARDS WOULD BE TRAINED AND PROVIDED BY LOCAL MILITARY. HOWEVER, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THIS DETAIL STATES THAT ONLY FOUR UNMARKED CARS AVAILABLE IN ALL LISBON FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND NO FUNDS TO RENT ADEQUATE VEHICLES AVAILABLE TO HIM. EMBASSY FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL SECURITY CARS WHICH ARE VERY SMALL, VERY OLD AND INCAPABLE OF KEEPING UP WITH COM CHRYSLER ON OPEN HIGHWAY. THEREFORE, EMBASSY MAY HAVE TO RENT TWO VEHICLES, WITH DRIVERS, TO SUPPORT BODYGUARD DETAIL. FUNDS FOR THESE RENTALS AND OTHER RELATED COSTS WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE COSTS AS SOON AS MILITARY AUTHORITIES PROVIDE USE WITH DETAILED NEEDS.

7. IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS AN INCREASE OF DOLLARS 3,220 TO ITS ANTI-TERRORIST ALLOTMENT FOR PAINTING OF OFFICIAL VEHICLES (DOLLARS 520 PER VEHICLE). ALL OFFICIAL VEHICLES NOW PAINTED BLACK. THIS COLOR, IN ADDITION TO SIZE AND DIPLOMATIC REGISTRATION, GIVES THEM HIGH VISIBILITY. BY HAVING THEM PAINTED VARIOUS PASTEL COLORS, VISIBILITY WILL BE REDUCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WILL PERMIT MORE FLEXIBILITY IN CARRYING OUT SECURITY PROGRAM.

8. A DT 76 RADIO IS SCHEDULED TO BE INSTALLED IN CHANCERY TO REPLACE FM 56 NOW ON STATION. BECAUSE OF TERRAIN AND DISTANCES INVOLVED, PR 36 RADIOS INADEQUATE IN AREAS WHERE MOST EMBASSY OFFICERS LIVE. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTING REPEATER STATION SEPTTEL TO PERMIT GREATER USE OF PR36S.

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